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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Military Service Attaches

Knowing your strong interest in supporting any move that might strengthen the military attache system, I thought you might like to have interim word on our review of the system. The service intelligence chiefs and I have had preliminary discussions, and we hope early next month to have developed a preliminary report, a copy of which will of course go to you.

We should be meeting again on this question in January, and I should be very glad if you could be represented.

The need that you have pointed out for additional attache resources is one that we shall make every effort to satisfy. For example, arrangements have just been made to enable the Army to open its new station at Khartoum. Before recommending a net increase in attache strength (at a time when manning levels are being cut back in other important military activities) we must be able to assure the Secretary that the needed additional personnel cannot be found through relieving attaches of some of their administrative and support functions which do not contribute to intelligence or political ends. We are now examining this aspect of the question carefully with the military services.

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